

**KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL
AND DRUG STUDIES
PRESENTS A WORKSHOP ON
WHAT'S NEW IN ASAM**

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INTRODUCTION

- Since 1991 The American Society of Addiction Medicine {ASAM} has published the most comprehensive set of guidelines for assessment, service planning, placement, continued stay, and transfer/discharge of individuals with addiction and co-occurring conditions. If you do not yet use ASAM criteria you will want to start

Learning Objectives

- What's new in ASAM
- Understanding of ASAM's basic principals
- Increase knowledge of ASAM DIMENSIONS and Levels of care
- Ability to place clients at the right level of care, by assessing each of the six dimensions

What's new in ASAM

- No patient placement in the title
- Expands on Level 0.5, Early Intervention services to include screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment
- Broadens perspectives that Level 1, Outpatient Treatment isn't just a gateway into addiction treatment or "aftercare"
- Expands on the importance of integrated co-occurring substance related and mental health conditions
- Builds on ASAM'S definition of addiction that reflects the individual pathologically pursuing
- Reward and /or relief by substance use and other
- Behaviors

Underlying concepts of The ASAM CRITERIA

- Patient/Participant assessment
- Problems/Priorities
- Plan/ intensity of service
- Progress/Severity of illness/lof

Assessment of Biopsychosocial Severity and Level of function

- ⦿ Acute intoxication and/or withdrawal potential
- ⦿ Biomedical conditions and complications
- ⦿ Emotional/Behavioral/Cognitive conditions and complications
- ⦿ Readiness to change
- ⦿ Relapse/Continued use/ continued problem potential
- ⦿ Recovery Environment

Broad treatment or Level of service: A description of the Continuum of care

- Levels of Service
- Outpatient treatment
- Intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization
- Residential/inpatient Treatment
- Medically-Managed intensive inpatient treatment

New terminology in the ASAM CRITERIA AND THE DSM-5

- Instead of Roman numerals for the levels, regular Arabic numerals are used
- Another significant change in terminology in the ASAM CRITERIA is to re-name “detoxification” to withdrawal management services

The Goal of THE ASAM CRITERIA

- To unify the addiction field around a single set of criteria

Cont'd What's New in the ASAM CRITERIA

- Adolescent Criteria
- -No longer separate/stand-alone
- -Consolidated Adult and Adolescent content to minimize redundancy while preserving adolescent-specific content

New Content and sections

- Additional text to improve application to address addiction treatment for Special populations
- Older adults
- Persons in safety sensitive occupations
- Parents with children and pregnant woman
- Persons in the criminal justice system

From engagement, Assessment, Service Planning to Level of Care

- What does the client
- Does the client have immediate needs due to imminent risk in any of the six assessment dimensions
- Conduct multidimensional assessment
- What are the DSM diagnoses
- Multidimensional severity/LOF-PROFILE
- Identify which assessment dimensions are currently most important to determine treatment priorities